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Bruce T. Jones - District #4

The City of Cottonwood Heights is the target of both significant praise and some criticism because of its aggressive agenda. While government is often characterized as merely protecting the status quo, the residents of Cottonwood Heights are not satisfied with mediocrity. Consider that in a very short period of time, you have created a new city; initiated many events that pull people together as volunteers and participants; established a local police force; created an arts council, an historical committee, and an emergency preparedness team; joined with neighboring cities to create a new school district; and developed open space in the form of trailheads, walking paths, and parks. These accomplishments have certainly created a new sense of community. This is satisfying to me because the guiding principles in my decision to run for the city council were to keep our tax dollars in Cottonwood Heights, not to allow an increase in taxes, and to avoid creating a more costly layer of government.

Of great importance to me is to weigh

## Quality of Life in our City

these considerable accomplishments against the cost. Have you noticed the newspaper ads suggesting a number of cities and other taxing agencies are raising taxes. Cottonwood Heights is not raising taxes but is operating with the same tax revenue we were paying to the county before incorporation. The accomplishments to date have come about under budget and without new taxes. It has all happened because of factors we knew would occur. We have benefited by keeping our tax dollars in our community and by the willingness of our citizens to work together to improve the city. With the expansion of activities and services, without increasing taxes, the residents of Cottonwood Heights are now enjoying a genuine sense of community.

The factors that contribute to our current environment may be dissimilar and sometimes even antagonistic; but the primary sources from which they emanate, city residents and city government, are the adhesive that provides the synergy to enhance similarities and diminish differences without the increased costs often associated with government. Thus, we enjoy the creation of a sense of community from such disparate events as the organization of a new police department, the creation of an arts council, the development of open space

in the form of a trailhead, and even the volunteerism that is so contagious in our city.

The city's part in this process is as the focal point and publicity dispenser for community activities and opportunities. The city creates events that pull people together as volunteers and as participants in their preferred activities. It envisions the effectiveness of a local police force; a compact with neighboring cities in making it possible for citizens to vote for a new school district; the creation of an emergency preparedness team; planning and zoning appropriate for quality of life; and the development of open space in the form of trailheads, walking paths, and parks. Of equal or greater importance are the citizens of the city who provide the volunteers, ideas, skills, tax dollars, and the participants that determine success or failure of a given project. The resulting sense of community, once born, permeates neighborhoods, social groups, churches, civic organizations, and everything about the city that draws people to it. I appreciate the opportunity given to me by the voters in District #4 to be part of what has happened in our city since its incorporation. Frankly, I am somewhat amazed at how the city has "come together" and the progress that has been made.

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I made a call to 211 recently, just to see how they handle calls and what kind of help they could give me with writing this article. They offered me all kinds of confidential help, from finding work, to flu shots, to housing, to suicide prevention (United Way of Pennsylvania recently identified 50 different services with which 2-1-1 responders can provide assistance).

What is 2-1-1 you say? Well, it's a national telephone number, much like the more familiar 9-1-1 which everyone in the country uses for emergency needs such as fire, police, EMT, etc. A 2-1-1 call provides direct assistance or referrals for help with any number of personal and family life concerns.

I was informed that the national

## A Helping Hand

2-1-1 effort was launched in 1997 in Atlanta, where United Way developed the concept. It now reaches into 30 states and D.C. and is funded by United Way, private foundations, and government grants. An effort is being pursued to secure annual funding from the federal government. U. S. Senators with interests as diverse as Hillary Clinton (D) and Elizabeth Dole (R) have co-sponsored legislation authorizing such funding and nationwide support for 2-1-1.

In 28 of Utah's 29 counties, 2-1-1 service is sponsored by the Utah Food Bank located in Salt Lake City (Utah County operates separately). The Utah 2-1-1 has been in operation since February of 2002 and now has 5-1/2 full time equivalent employees working as phone responders. If you call, you will be greeted by one of these responders or by an automated answering service, depending on the

call load at the time. If the automated answering service responds, you will be placed in a queue for a few moments, then a live person will respond to your needs. The responder will ask for some demographic information which you can choose to answer or not. They will then solicit from you an explanation of your need and provide assistance either directly through the Food Bank or by referring you to another agency or entity that can provide the assistance you need.

Do you need help with reporting a scam, surviving a power outage, finding a crisis consultant, quality childcare, daily "are you okay calls" for the homebound, training with how to respond to crisis calls, or any number of other concerns? Call 2-1-1. Or, if you just want to learn more, go on line to <http://211us.org>.





### Emergency Preparedness Tip for October

The danger of house fires increases as the weather turns cold. This month's tip deals with suggestions for preparations that should be made in anticipation of a fire in the home or the neighborhood.

1. Remember EDITH (Exit Drill In The Home)? She is the one who reminds us to conduct fire drills with the entire family; and, to practice atleast twice a year to evacuate our homes and offices. EDITH pamphlets are available at the city office and both fire stations.
2. In planning for a major neighborhood fire, drive your planned evacuation route and plot on a map an alternate route to use when main roads are blocked or gridlocked.
3. Plan a meeting place for either instance with consideration given to outside temperatures at various times of the year (temperatures in Utah often vary from 0° to 100° in any given year).



### CITY STILL LOOKING FOR CROSSING GUARDS

Some great part-time jobs are available for those who want to earn an extra \$30 a day and who have a couple of hours available at various times during the day. Substitute School Crossing Guards are needed to fill in where and when needed with the pleasant task of providing safe crosswalks for school children. This is a great opportunity for someone who is retired or who is a homemaker or someone working from their home and having flexible hours. It also provides a pleasant break in the outdoors a few times each day. The environment is invigorating and helping children is right up there with the things angels do. One feels both younger and helpful just thinking about it.

Send a letter or email to the city and let them know you are interested in becoming a School Crossing Guard. HR Director Angela White will contact you and answer your questions. Address your letter or email to: Angela White, Cottonwood Heights' HR Director, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., #250, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84047; or email Angela at [awhite@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:awhite@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).



### OKAY, THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!! "SIGN UP FOR CERT"

CERT Training starts at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, and runs until 5:00 p.m. Then, phase 2 of CERT Training starts at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 25, and runs until 5:00 p.m. After spending all that time on those two Saturdays, you will surely not want to miss the final one-half day session on Saturday, November 1st. All training is held at the Cottonwood Heights City Offices and is taught by Unified Fire Authority personnel. Topics include: Fire Safety, Emergency Medical Skills, Emergency Organizational Skills, and even Light Search and Rescue Procedures.

We don't know when the next CERT training will be held, so now is the time to get on the list. Call 944-7000 or visit [www.unifiedfire.org](http://www.unifiedfire.org) to sign up. The cost is \$30 which pays for your helmet, vest, first aid gear, and a textbook.

After CERT Training, you will be prepared to help your family and your neighborhood in the event of an emergency caused by severe snow storms, power outages, or earthquakes; two of which could very well occur sometime during the next five months; and all of which are definite possibilities in Cottonwood Heights. CERT prepares you to effectively "fill the gap" between the onset of an emergency situation and the time the emergency responders can get to you and your loved ones.



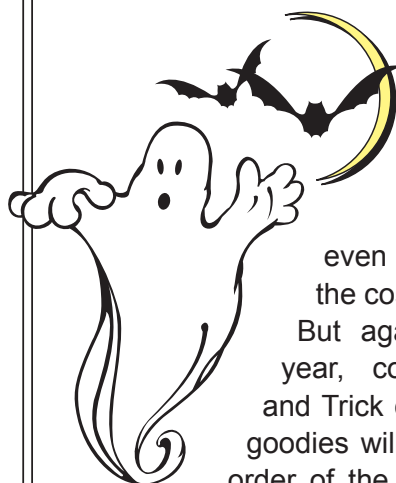
### SPEAK WITH POLITICAL CANDIDATES AT OCT. 9TH FORUM

There are 30 plus candidates running for various county, state, and national government offices in Cottonwood Heights this year. Inasmuch as our city is part of numerous legislative and county council districts, it is difficult to get all of the candidates together at one time and in one place to speak to their respective constituencies.

The Cottonwood Heights' Youth City Council is attempting to do just that on Thursday, October 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Butler Middle School Cafeteria. All candidates have been invited to attend

an "Open House" where the candidates will be located at tables placed around the room and voters will have opportunity to approach them one-on-one to address whatever issues they deem important.

As this paper goes to press, the candidates who will attend are not yet identified; but previous "Open Houses" of this sort in Cottonwood Heights have proven to be very successful with most candidates making a personal appearance or, in some instances, being represented by a spokesman.



### SOME THINK CITY HALL IS SPOOKY,

even without the costumes. But again this year, costumes and Trick or Treat goodies will be the order of the day for those who can drop by between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Halloween. It's on Friday this year and Friday is a day when city employees often look as if they are wearing costumes.

So parents, this is your opportunity to have your children "Haunt at City Hall." Dress the little spooks, pirates, heroes, or whatever and bring

them to the city offices where they will find fun and goodies to make their Halloween experience memorable.

Like last year, there will be numerous scary and unique stops for the kids to visit; and this year there are an additional 40 employees. We are confident the 80 children that did their Trick or Treating at City Hall last year will be back this year. Now it's your turn to join in and enjoy a safe and fun Halloween provided by the "kids" at City Hall.

SEE YOU THERE!!





OCTOBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The October meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 7**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, Oct. 14**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, Oct. 28**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting

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Abraham Maslow theorized that safety and security are two basic human needs and that if people feel safe and secure, they are then motivated to seek fulfillment of higher needs in their lives. I believe the residents of Cottonwood Heights feel safe and secure and the comfort of this underlying security enables us to pursue other higher, individual and collective goals. For example, we are now in the process of creating an Arts Council that will provide outlets and opportunities for those who wish to perform and/or display and enhance their artistic skills.

In an effort to preserve our open space and to provide means whereby our residents can enjoy that open space, the city and county, with energy generated by our residents, are joining forces in the development of a new trailhead on Wasatch Blvd. This trailhead will supplant a planned office complex that was to be constructed near the intersection with Bengal Blvd. The city is also now constructing a walking path leading from the I-215/6200 South intersection, across numerous

commercial properties, to the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. These trails will provide outdoor activities for all ages and physical abilities.

Don't think such happenings are common in all communities or that they occur without great effort by citizens and the city. The creation of new political entities such as a city, a police department, or a school district is usually controversial. Courageous leadership, not just management, is required to assure similar future successes in order to help enhance the quality of life we enjoy while keeping taxes down. As the city continues to be involved in such projects and as the residents do their part by continuing to volunteer, by objectively viewing and analyzing controversial issues, and by educating themselves about the decisions on which they will vote, Cottonwood Heights will continue to justify its growing reputation as a creative, efficiently managed leader among the cities of the state and we will all continue to enjoy a genuine sense of community.

TIME TO USE LEAF BAGS

With Fall and football already here, can falling foliage be far behind? No, of course not. The leaves will be blowing and falling from the trees soon and those with the bags to gather them in will have the advantage. The city is so sure that leaves will fall again this year they are participating with the county in providing free leaf bags for those who want them.

Free rolls of bags are available for residents of Cottonwood Heights at the city building, Whitmore Library, Fire Stations 110 (Ft. Union Blvd.) and 116 (Wasatch Blvd.). After filling them with leaves, they can be delivered to Bywater Park (3300 East 7420 South, Banbury Road). The deadline for pick-up by the county is November 30, 2008.

Sub For Santa Gearing Up



This is the fourth year for a Cottonwood Heights' Sub-for-Santa program and each year has been more successful than the last in the amount of money donated and the number of children and families assisted. Christmas is less than three months away, so it's important to begin raising funds to finance Santa in his efforts to see that every child receives Christmas surprises.

The immediate need is

for donors to step up with donations (cash, gift cards, etc.). Get them to city hall by mail or drop them by 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 250, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84047.

Recommendations for possible recipients and information on those families should also be dropped by or emailed to Gina Talbot at gtalbot@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov. Begin now to enjoy the Christmas Spirit by participating in giving to children and families who will otherwise not have Christmas.

VOTE NOW! AVOID THE CROWD

It is no longer necessary to wait for Election Day to cast your ballot. Of course, that has always been true for those who were going to be out of town on Election Day but it's now true for any of us. Anyone can vote early or by mail if they want to "get it done" or "get it over with" and then turn off the TV until Election Day.

Early voting will be available in Salt Lake County beginning Monday, October 13. Between then and October 30 one can go to a polling location fairly near where they live and cast their ballot. For example: if you live in Cottonwood Heights, there are polling places nearby in the Sandy, Holladay, and Midvale City Halls. There is also one at 8186 So.1300 East in the

Sandy Fire Station #35. These polling places are open from Noon until 7 pm on week days and until 5 pm on Halloween.

It is also possible to vote at the County Clerk's Office beginning October 13 through November 3 between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10 am through 3 pm on Saturdays.

These and numerous other locations are found on the County Clerk's website at www.clerk.slco.org/elections/voteEarly. Early voting does require either a photo ID or two forms of ID without photos if one provides evidence of residence. Those 65 or older or disabled are not required to provide ID.



Nicole Lazalde, a lifetime resident of Cottonwood Heights and a 2006 graduate of Brighton High School, has been hired to a part-time position as the afternoon receptionist for the city. Nicole has been attending Salt Lake Community College and will be transferring to the University of Utah's International Studies program in the Fall.







# Recreation Center Ice Sheet to Open

The Cottonwood Heights Recreation District will open its new, larger, state of the art ice sheet on Monday, October 6, with a ceremony beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will then be free skating until 9:30 p.m. Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Carroon and Cottonwood Heights Mayor Kelyvn Cullimore, Jr. will be the featured speakers.

The replacement of the ice sheet began last March and cost \$3.6 million. Funds were made available from the Salt Lake County ZAP tax. The new arena is now Olympic size (200' x 100') which is 15' wider than the previous sheet. The new floor has a layer of heating coils to keep the earth beneath it from freezing and a layer of cooling coils imbedded

in the concrete to keep the ice frozen. Décor includes large windows on the north allowing a view of trees and mountains, graphic banners with photos of skaters who have frequented the arena in the past, and permanent logos of Cottonwood Heights City and other ice skating affiliated organizations that can be seen through the ice. The Rec. Center has also constructed new metal skate storage racks, designed by City Councilman Don Antczak, and purchased 300 new pairs of ice skates, bringing the total to 1600.

Additional details and hours for public skating will be available on the Rec Center's web site: [www.cottonwoodheights.com](http://www.cottonwoodheights.com).

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Cost of Asphalt Controlling Projects

Construction of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail is continuing. It requires a relatively small amount of asphalt. This trail runs from I-215 and 6200 South, across the Beckstrand property, near Market Street and on to 3000 East. It will be completed before Christmas and is the beginning of a trail that will eventually allow walkers, joggers, bikers, and handicapped persons to reach the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.

Highland Drive, from Forest Creek Lane to Creek Road was re-paved during September. It was a relatively small project and required minimal asphalt.

Much of the city's recently installed asphalt received a coat of Reclimite the past few weeks. This is an asphalt rejuvenator that will extend the life of newly applied asphalt.

Due primarily to the cost and availability of asphalt, the Fort Union re-paving project that was originally planned for this summer is being postponed until Spring.



# RECOGNIZING SOME WHO SERVE

After cutting through all the rhetoric about and analysis of successes, it always comes back to people. It's people who make the difference between success and failure. It's people who make the difference between recognition and notoriety. It's people who decide between options. It's people who take affirmative action or allow the stream to follow it's own path. It's always about the people; and that is surely the case with the successful creation, organization, and management of Cottonwood Heights. It's the "people who serve" that should be recognized from time to time for their service and dedication to becoming the very best at what they do. Recognizing that virtually every employee and volunteer of the city has contributed immensely to the success Cottonwood Heights is enjoying, the NEWS JOURNAL is going out on a limb to recognize just four of them for accomplishments of the past few weeks.

**Linda Dunlavy**, the Cottonwood Heights Administrative Services Director and Recorder, recently completed the course work and has gained the years of experience that qualify her to become a Certified Municipal Clerk. The position of Recorder in a city is a statutory position that, in many cities, has become a political appointment. Not in

Cottonwood Heights. Linda was hired for her years of experience as a City Recorder and for her on-going efforts to complete the course work that has enabled her to become certified. After three and one-half years with the city, in addition to the load of keeping all of the legal documents and council minutes, she made time to complete the course work and has been awarded her certificate. The city, the residents, all who do business with the city, and those with whom she works benefit from Linda's extraordinary dedication and expertise.

**Bob Fowler** is one of the dedicated volunteers on the city's Emergency Preparedness Team. Bob has been a moving force in the organization of the team and in acquiring supplies and developing plans for what the city should be prepared to do in the event of an emergency, such as an earthquake, major power outage, etc. Bob was recently recognized by FEMA as a Distinguished Partner in Preparedness for the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program in Utah. In making the award, the Region VIII Administrator of FEMA stated: "Mr. Fowler's leadership, initiative and technical expertise have been essential in creating an emergency medical response capability in the emergency preparedness zones surrounding the

Deseret Chemical Depot in Utah." He further stated that "Mr. Fowler approaches his responsibilities proactively and exhibits a 'can-do' attitude to resolve issues."

**Gary Harmer**, the City Treasurer, was recently selected to present a workshop at the Utah League of Cities and Towns annual meeting. Gary addressed the Mayors, City Managers, Treasurers, and Budget Officers of cities from throughout the state on "Elected Officials Responsibilities for Budgets, Financial Reporting, and Audits." He was selected by the Government Finance Officers Board of Directors to make the presentation after being instrumental in the city receiving the Distinguished Budget Award. This award was presented to the city after just three and one-half years in existence. Gary's expertise has been recognized by his peers and others on numerous occasions. He prepares the budget for the city that is subsequently enacted by the City Council.

**Scott Peck** is a Sergeant with the new CHPD. An efficient police department has officers with diverse skills and experience. Sgt. Peck is one of the handful of officers in the city who operates a motorcycle as one of his duties. In fact, he operates the motorcycle so well that he recently

took 2nd place in the motorcycle operation competition that is sponsored by the Utah Highway Patrol. Sgt. Peck came to CHPD from Draper where he had been for five years, after having worked for SLCPD for 20 years. Sgt. Peck's love for motorcycles is evidenced by his expertise in handling one. The city has new BMW motorcycles, one of which Sgt. Peck used to compete against other officers from throughout the state. According to Chief Russo, "Sgt. Peck would have won the competition hands down if BMW hadn't brought in a ringer from Portland, and entered him in the competition." That may or may not be, but the fact is, Sgt. Peck is the finest motorcycle operator in the State of Utah and he works for CHPD.

